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Applicants : Nicholas Jon Ede et al.
Application No. : 09/905,676
Filed : July 13, 2001
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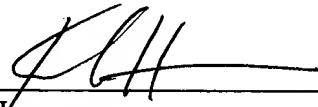
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 28, 2001, please find enclosed the following documents:

X Fee
X Oath/Declaration
X Power of Attorney
X Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts

Respectfully submitted,
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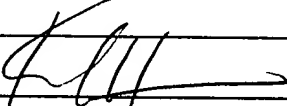
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| First Named Inventor | Nicholas Jon Ede |
| Group Art Unit | 1743 |
| Examiner Name | |
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Remarks**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

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| Individual Name | Karl R. Hermanns |  00500 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE |
| Signature |  | |
| Date | October 29, 2001 | |

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) **552****Complete if Known**

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit
Account
Number**19-1090**Deposit
Account
Name**Seed Intellectual Property Law Group PLLC**

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number above.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 101 | 740 | 201 | 370 | Utility filing fee | 370 |
| 106 | 330 | 206 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 510 | 207 | 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 740 | 208 | 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 160 | 214 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | (\$) 370 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 33 | -20** = 13 | X 9 | = 117 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | -3** = 0 | X = |
| Multiple Dependent | | X = | |

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 84 | 209 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) **(\$) 117**

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Entity | | Small | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | 65 |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet. | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 400 | 216 | 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 920 | 217 | 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,440 | 218 | 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,960 | 228 | 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 320 | 219 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,280 | 241 | 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,280 | 242 | 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 460 | 243 | 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 620 | 244 | 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 740 | 246 | 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 740 | 249 | 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 740 | 279 | 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

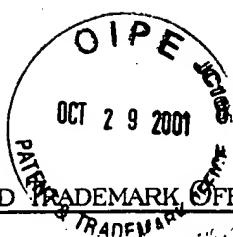
SUBTOTAL (3) **(\$) 65****SUBMITTED BY**Name (Print/Type) **Karl R. Hermanns**Registration No. **33,507**
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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| 01 FC:201 | 370.00 OP |
| 02 FC:205 | 65.00 OP |
| 03 FC:203 | 117.00 OP |

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$234.
 ▪ \$234 for 13 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1074.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

Alena Gress
Customer Service Center

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